

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-40 remain in the application for further prosecution. Claims 1, 15, 29, 32, 35, and 37-40 have been amended.

Interview Summary

The Applicant notes with appreciation the interview with Examiners Torimiro and Hotaling on October 18, 2007. Pursuant to the discussions in the interview, the Applicant has amended the claims to clarify the claimed subject matter that is not disclosed in the references of record. The Examiners agreed that the proposed claim amendments and the suggestions provided in the interview appear to overcome the current outstanding rejections. The Examiners indicated that they will reconsider the prior art to ensure that the proposed amendments overcome the rejections.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected claims 1-28 and 37-40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,544,120 (“Ainsworth”).

Claims 29-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,544,120 (“Ainsworth) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,749,504 (“Hughs-Baird”).

Applicant has amended claims 1, 15, 37, 38 and 39 to include the feature of “adding the second plurality of symbols between at least some of the first plurality of symbols in the first array to form the second array.” Similarly, claim 40 has been amended to include the feature of adding additional symbol positions “between at least some of the respective symbols in the initial array.” In the interview, the Examiners indicated that this feature appeared to overcome the current objections.

Applicant has amended claims 29 and 32 to include the feature of displaying a “second array with a plurality of modifier symbols” and associating a winning payline with one of the

modifier symbols “intersected by the winning payline.” Similarly, claim 35 has been amended to include the features of the second array “with the plurality of modifier symbols” and “a second winning pay line intersecting one of the modifier symbols.” In the interview, the Examiners indicated that these features appeared to overcome the current objections.

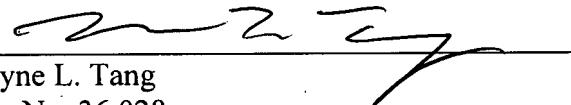
Conclusion

It is Applicant's belief that all of the claims are now in condition for allowance and actions towards that effect is respectfully requested.

If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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